

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)

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3. (New) A resilient element comprising:

interconnected lower and upper parts, said lower part including a planar bottom segment having front and rear ends, a first curved segment that curves upwardly and rearwardly from said front end of said planar bottom segment, and a second curved segment that curves upwardly and forwardly from said rear end of said planar bottom segment, terminating in a first end, said upper part including a planar top portion, disposed above and substantially parallel to said planar bottom segment, having front and rear ends, a first curved portion that curves downwardly and rearwardly from said front end of said planar top portion, terminating in a second end, and a second curved portion, disposed above said first curved segment, curving downwardly and forwardly from said rear end of said planar top portion, and a second curved portion that curves downwardly and forwardly from said rear end of said planar top portion and that is disposed above said second curved segment, said first curved segment and said second curved portion having interconnected distal ends, with said first end being disposed between said interconnected distal ends and said planar bottom segment and said second end being disposed between said interconnected distal ends and said planar top portion.

4. (New) The element as recited in claim 3 wherein said upper and lower parts are in superimposition.

5. (New) The element as recited in claim 3 wherein said first and second planar segments are in superimposition with said interconnected distal ends extending therebetween.

6. (New) The element as recited in claim 3 wherein said interconnected distal ends extend between said first curved segment and said second curved portion and is devoid of apertures.

7. (New) The element as recited in claim 3 wherein said first and second ends are arranged to contact said interconnected distal ends upon a force being exerted upon one of said planar bottom segment and said planar top portion.

8. (New) The element as recited in claim 7 wherein said upper and lower parts are integrally formed.

9. (New) A resilient conductive element comprising:  
a unitary conductive strip that is bent to form interconnected lower and upper parts, said lower part including a planar bottom segment having front and rear ends, a first curved segment that curved upwardly and rearwardly from said front end of said planar bottom segment, and a second curved segment that curved upwardly and forwardly from said rear end of said planar bottom segment, terminating in a first end, said upper part

including a planar top portion that has front and rear ends and that disposed above and substantially parallel to said planar bottom segment, a first curved portion that curves downwardly and rearwardly from said front end of said planar top portion and that is disposed above said first curved segment, and a second curved portion that curves downwardly and forwardly from said rear end of said planar top portion, terminating in a second end and that is disposed above said second curved segment, said first curved segment and said second curved portion having interconnected distal ends, with said first end being disposed between said interconnected distal ends and said planar bottom segment and said second end being disposed between said interconnected distal ends and said planar top portion.

10. (New) The element as recited in claim 9 wherein said upper and lower parts are in superimposition.

11. (New) The element as recited in claim 9 wherein said first and second planar segments are in superimposition with said interconnected distal ends extending therebetween.

12. (New) The element as recited in claim 9 wherein said interconnected distal ends extend between said first curved segment and said second curved portion and is devoid of apertures.

13. (New) The element as recited in claim 9 wherein said first and second ends are arranged to contact said

interconnected distal ends upon a force being exerted upon one of said planar bottom segment and said planar top portion.

14. (New) A resilient element, comprising:

a body extending from a first end, terminating in a second end disposed opposite to said first end and spaced-apart therefrom, defining first and second curved portions with an interconnection region extending therebetween, with said first and second ends being positioned proximate to said interconnected region.

15. (New) The element as recited in claim 14 wherein said first and second curved portions are disposed on opposing sides of said interconnection region.

16. (New) The element as recited in claim 14 wherein said first curved portion includes a first planar segment and said second curved portion includes a second planar segment.

17. (New) The element as recited in claim 14 wherein said first and second curved portions are in superimposition.

18. (New) The element as recited in claim 14 wherein said first curved portion includes a first planar segment and said second curved portion includes a second planar segment, with said first and second planar segments being in superimposition.

19. (New) The element as recited in claim 14 wherein said first curved portion includes a first planar segment and said second curved portion includes a second planar segment, with said interconnected region being disposed between said first and second planar segments and said first and second ends being disposed on opposing sides of said interconnected region.

20. (New) The element as recited in claim 14 wherein said first curved portion includes a first planar segment and said second curved portion includes a second planar segment, with said interconnected region being disposed between said first and second planar segments and said first end being disposed between said interconnected region and said first planar segment and said second end being disposed between said second curved portion and said interconnected region.

21. (New) The element as recited in claim 14 wherein said first and second ends are arranged to contact said interconnected region upon a force being exerted upon one of said first and second curved bodies.

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